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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Supplemental Notice of Allowability	Application No. 09/945,145	Applicant(s) MATSON, ROBERT S.
	Examiner Frank W Lu	Art Unit 1634

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to _____.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-32 and 34-72.
3. The drawings filed on 31 August 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Wei-Ning Yang (Reg. No. 38, 690) on January 21, 2005.

2. The application has been amended as follows in order to correct errors made on the office action mailed on January 26, 2005:

Replace "wherein said probe biopolymers are deposited on said dots" in step (b) of claims 1 with --- wherein said probe biopolymers are dispensed on said dots ---.

Replace "wherein said labeled nucleic acid probes are deposited on said dots" in step (b) of claims 30 with --- wherein said labeled nucleic acid probes are dispensed on said dots ---.

Replace "wherein said plurality of labeled probes are deposited on said dots" in step (b) of claims 53 with --- wherein said plurality of labeled probes are dispensed on said dots ---.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-32 and 34-72 are allowable in light of the applicant's amendments filed on November 3, 2004 and the examiner's amendment. The closest prior art in the record are Fagan et al., (US 2003/0003484 A1, priority date: May 9, 2001), Jahn *et al.*, (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, USA, 81, 1684-1687, 1984) and Shuber *et al.*, (Human Molecular Genetics, 6, 337-347, 1997). These prior art do not teach that said probe biopolymers

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are dispensed on said dots in said microarray as recited in step b) of claims 1, 30, and 53. These prior art either alone or in combination with the other art in the record do not teach or reasonably suggest a method for detecting a target biopolymer as recited in claim 1, a method for detecting a target nucleic acid in a sample as recited in claim 30, and a method for detecting one or more target analytes in a sample as recited in claim 53.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 1600 via the PTO Fax Center. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1988), 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993), and 1157 OG 94 (December 28, 1993)(See 37 CAR § 1.6(d)). The CM Fax Center number is either (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frank Lu, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571)272-0746. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, W. Gary Jones, can be reached on (571)272-0745.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Chemical Matrix receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Frank Lu
PSA
April 27, 2005

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PATENT EXAMINER